

July 13, 2020
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session July 13, 2020 in the City Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure. A moment of silence was observed.

Roll Call Present. Richard Ollis*, Andrew Lear*, Abe McGull, Matthew Simpson*, Mike Schilling*, Phyllis Ferguson*, Jan Fisk*, Craig Hosmer and Ken McClure. Absent. None.

*Members attending via videoconference.

Minutes The minutes of June 29, 2020 City Council meeting and June 30, 2020 Special City Council Meeting were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Tim Havens requested that City Council Bill 2020-171 be removed from the Consent Agenda. The item was removed from the Consent Agenda and became item number 31.5 on the Agenda. The Consent Agenda was approved as amended.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

City Manager Report Mayor McClure asked Jason Gage, City Manager, to present the City Manager's Report at the City Council Study Session on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 in the interest of time.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading Bills.

Landfill Facility Improvement Sponsor: Ollis. City Council Bill 2020-147.

A Special Ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the construction of Landfill Facility Improvement, Phases 1, 2, and 3, at the Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill; accepting the bid of Carson-Mitchell, Inc., in the amount of \$5,016,632.00 for the project; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into contracts necessary for completion of said Landfill Facility Improvements; and approving a budget adjustment for the amount of the bid, plus a contingency, to amend the budget for the Department of Environmental Services Solid Waste Fund for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 by appropriating reserves of said fund in the amount of \$6,250,000.00.

Mayor McClure noted public hearing was held on June 29, 2020 on the proposed and it is now in front of City Council for consideration. He asked for questions or comments from members of City Council.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor McClure called for a roll call vote.

City Council Bill 2020-147. Special Ordinance 27349 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Construction
Manager at Risk
Contracting
Processes**

Sponsor: McGull. City Council Bill 2020-148.

A General Ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, 'Administration,' Article VI, 'Finances,' Division 2, 'Purchasing,' Section 2-401, 'Purchasing Manual adopted,' by adding Section 13-3.104(5)(C) for the purpose of allowing the use of the "Construction Manager at Risk " contracting processes.

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There being no questions or comments, Mayor McClure called for a roll call vote.

City Council Bill 2020-148. General Ordinance 6605 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Battlefield Road
and Delaware
Avenue Signal
Replacement
Project**

Sponsor: Simpson. City Council Bill 2020-149.

A Special Ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Battlefield Road and Delaware Avenue Signal Replacement Project; accepting the bid of Ewing Signal Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$125,773.33 for the project; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Mayor McClure noted public hearing was held on June 29, 2020 on the proposed and it is now in front of City Council for consideration. He asked for questions or comments from members of City Council.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor McClure called for a roll call vote.

City Council Bill 2020-149. Special Ordinance 27350 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Amendments to
Section 320 of the
2018 International
Fire Code**

Sponsor: Hosmer. City Council Bill 2020-150.

A General Ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 54, 'Fire Prevention and Protection,' Article II, 'Fire Prevention Code,' Section 54-32, 'Amendments and additions,' by adding specific local amendments to Section 320 of the 2018 International Fire Code, relating to Landscaping Materials.

Mayor McClure noted public hearing was held on June 29, 2020 on the proposed and it is now in front of City Council for consideration. He asked for questions or comments from members of City Council.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor McClure called for a roll call vote.

City Council Bill 2020-150. General Ordinance 6606 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Planned
Development
District No. 298 at
3414 East Chestnut
Expressway**

Sponsor: McGull. City Council Bill 2020-153.

A Special Ordinance approving the final development plan of Planned Development District No. 298, on 44.70 acres generally located at 3414 East Chestnut Expressway. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend approval.)

Mayor McClure noted public hearing was held on June 29, 2020 on the proposed and it is now in front of City Council for consideration. He asked for questions or comments from members of City Council.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor McClure called for a roll call vote.

City Council Bill 2020-153. Special Ordinance 27351 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following bill appeared on the agenda under Resolutions.

**Liquor license for
SKT, LLC**

Sponsor: Lear. City Council Bill 2020-157.

A Resolution granting a new liquor license to sell retail liquor in the original package, including Sunday sales, to SKT, LLC, d/b/a AM PM Food Mart, for their location at 529-531 South Grant Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed is a new liquor license request located in close proximity to schools and residential areas. Mr. Holtmann noted no objections were received from the school district; however, there were objections from 50% of the property owners in the eligible area.

Councilman Hosmer asked how far the applicant is from school property.

Mr. Holtmann answered within 200 feet.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his opinion when laws and ordinances have been passed, they need to be adhered to and City Council should not continually grant exceptions. He also encouraged City Council members to vote to reject the application.

Councilman McGull asked if there had been complaints of vagrants in the area when the previous business was in operation.

Mr. Holtmann answered he did not have that information.

Councilman McGull confirmed the applicant is within 200 feet of the school and expressed his opinion the ordinance should either be enforced or repealed.

Councilman Ollis clarified the applicant's location is at the corner of Mount Vernon and Grant.

Mr. Holtmann answered affirmatively.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Michelle Ciesielski spoke in opposition of the proposed. She expressed her concern of the proximity of alcohol sales to a school and cited examples of crimes, safety concerns for children, and extra custodial and security needed when Kum and Go was operational.

Chadd Harkrider spoke in opposition of the proposed. He noted he is the pastor of Southside Baptist Church and the church falls just outside the 200-foot eligible property owner code to protest. Mr. Harkrider expressed his concern if a liquor license is approved there will be an increase in crime, drunken individuals in the area, and vagrants and squatters.

Caren Parnell spoke in opposition of the proposed. She noted she is the President of the West Central Neighborhood Alliance. Ms. Parnell explained the West Central Neighborhood Alliance is opposed to granting the liquor license because of the proximity to disadvantaged residential areas and Campbell Early Childhood Education Center, increased crime in an area that already has a high crime rate, and the possible negative effects on the Grant Avenue project for walk ability and tourism.

There being no further speakers the public hearing was declared closed.

Vanessa Brinkman submitted comments via email in opposition of the proposed. She expressed her opinion granting a liquor license would be irresponsible and the levels of crime associated with another store selling liquor are unacceptable. Ms. Brinkman noted the applicant location is across the street from a preschool and there are numerous children playing in the neighborhood who would be endangered by additional liquor sales.

Shirley Turner submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. She noted her son and daughter-in-law live in the neighborhood. She expressed her opinion she did not worry much about their safety and police response time, as well as protection, in this area is outstanding.

Mayor McClure noted the proposed is a one reading bill and is now in front of City Council for consideration. He asked for questions or comments from members of City Council.

Councilman McGull clarified the business would still be able to sell other items, just not alcohol.

Mr. Holtmann answered affirmatively.

Councilman Schilling noted he lives in the area and shared his personal experiences he has had at the applicant's location. He noted he concurs with the opposed.

Councilman Simpson clarified this portion of Grant is in the BUILD Corridor Grant.

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, answered affirmatively.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor McClure called for a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson noted she will be voting no on the proposed. She cited personal experiences she has had at the applicant's location.

City Council Bill 2020-157. City Council Bill 2020-157 failed by the following roll call vote: Ayes: None. Nays: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer and McClure. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Emergency Bills.

**Budget
Amendment for
Springfield-Greene
County Health
Department**

Sponsor: McGull. City Council Bill 2020-158.

A Special Ordinance amending the budget of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$2,184,000.00 to appropriate funds from the Public Health Fund balance to provide additional staff to respond to COVID-19; and declaring an emergency pursuant to City Charter Section 2.12.

Clay Goddard, Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted when COVID-19 was considered a pandemic, he re-assigned two-thirds of his staff to COVID-19 duties. Mr. Goddard noted the pandemic has continued for four months and he believes he needs to return those staff to their primary positions and is therefore asking for access to his fund balance dollars to hire 37 contract employees to address needs created by COVID-19.

Councilman Lear asked if Mr. Goddard believes the request is sufficient for his needs for the foreseeable future as bringing ordinances forward takes some time.

Mr. Goddard answered he believes this is the appropriate amount of money to request based on the amount of morbidity they are currently witnessing.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers the public hearing was declared closed.

Mayor McClure noted the proposed is a one reading bill and is now in front of City Council for consideration. He asked for questions or comments from members of City Council.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor McClure called for a roll call vote.

City Council Bill 2020-158. Special Ordinance 27352 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Simpson, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Schilling. Abstain: None.

Face Covering Ordinance

Sponsor: Council. City Council Bill 2020-159.

A General Ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 58, 'Health and Sanitation,' by adding a new Article XIII, 'COVID-19 pandemic,' to add regulations related to Face Coverings, occupancy limits, and physical distancing to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and declaring an emergency pursuant to City Charter Section 2.12.

Clay Goddard, Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Goddard noted there are 553 confirmed cases of COVID-19, staff has monitored slightly more than 2,000 people in quarantine, and staff is currently monitoring 594 people who are heightened risk because they had contact with a positive case. Mr. Goddard noted in the past 14 days, 21% of positive cases were due to community spread and 16% from attending family gatherings or sporting events. He noted masking along with social distancing and hand washing are effective tools to suppress the disease. Mr. Goddard noted the CDC cites 19 studies pointing to the effectiveness of masking to prevent the spread of COVID-19. He expressed his belief the proposed is another tool that should be utilized in the fight against COVID-19 and the community must come together to suppress this disease. Mr. Goddard noted he asked Dr. Robin Trotman, Chief Infectious Disease Doctor at Cox Health, and Craig McCoy, President of Mercy Springfield, to speak to City Council regarding the proposed.

Dr. Robin Trotman noted the healthcare systems are currently stable. He noted the hospitals to the west of Springfield are overwhelmed and the patients are coming to Springfield and this will stretch local capacity. Dr. Trotman noted treatment is better now than it was four months ago, but resources are limited. He expressed his opinion if the disease continues to spread at the current rate, it will outpace testing capacity. Dr. Trotman noted there is no evidence to support the herd immunity theory and there is not a vaccine, nor is one in the foreseeable future. He noted there is empirical evidence when people wear a mask, they do not get sick as often. Dr. Trotman explained the disease is not airborne, it is spread through droplets from spitting or coughing. He noted an article will be published in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, which is a journal for the CDC, based on the Great Clips exposure and will not use the term masking, but rather correct and consistent facial coverings when appropriate. Dr. Trotman also noted the science around COVID-19 is constantly evolving.

Councilman McGull asked about carbon dioxide and masks.

Dr. Trotman answered no additional carbon dioxide is ingested when wearing a mask.

Councilman Hosmer why a symptomatic person is capable of transmitting the disease because of the expulsion of cough, sneeze, etc.

Dr. Trotman answered COVID-19 resides from the inside of the nose to the lungs, whereas SARS was only in the lungs; therefore, when a person speaks, droplets are expelled, and the virus is now on the surrounding surfaces. He explained the mask serves two functions, it prevents expelling droplets and protects the other person from the droplets.

Councilman Hosmer clarified individuals who seem healthy and are asymptomatic could still be contagious.

Dr. Trotman answered that is the fear and noted asymptomatic people can spread the virus based on contact tracings.

Councilman Hosmer asked for a recap of the Great Clips exposure.

Dr. Trotman explained a contagious person typically transmits to two to three people; therefore, if you have two infected hairdressers you might expect five cases, but there were zero.

Councilman Hosmer asked for clarification on the low mortality rate due to better treatment, therapies, and unlimited resources.

Dr. Trotman noted the death rate, or infection fatality rate, is currently low. He noted the death rate of the disease is determined by the bug and the host. Dr. Trotman expressed his belief the reason the death rate is currently low is because of the age of the people getting the disease. He explained they would not expect a healthy 18-year-old person to succumb to this disease, but when the young person attends a family gathering or goes home, that person may infect a grandparent and that is who comes to the ICU.

Councilman Hosmer clarified if there were a surge in the disease, the treatment would become limited or non-existent.

Dr. Trotman answered the treatments will end. He noted they will run out of plasma and Remdesivir.

Councilman Simpson clarified the primary mitigation efforts is to reduce the reproductive rate of the disease and asked what the reproductive rate is for the region.

Dr. Trotman answered one to 2.4, meaning the infection spreads from one person to 2.5 people.

Councilman Simpson clarified the number of positive cases has doubled in the last two weeks and asked Dr. Trotman if he thinks exponential growth in cases can be projected.

Dr. Trotman answered affirmatively.

Councilman Simpson asked if the projections added urgency to the steps in the proposed.

Dr. Trotman answered affirmatively.

Craig McCoy noted on June 24th the positive rate for COVID-19 tests at Mercy was less than 1% and as of today, it is a little over 2.5%. Mr. McCoy noted the number of people getting tested does not indicate the number that will need hospitalization. He expressed his belief everyone wants to return to a normal life and the best way to do that is for everyone to wear face coverings now. Mr. McCoy implored City Council to vote in favor of the proposed.

Mayor McClure moved to amend City Council Bill 2020-159 by inserting the following text at Line 133 after (12): Speakers and performers while addressing and performing for a group of persons, provided the speakers and performers can maintain a distance of at least six feet from any other person.

Councilman Hosmer seconded the motion and it was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Councilman Hosmer motioned to amend City Council Bill 2020 by inserting the following text at Line 270 after (3): All providers of weddings shall require Face Coverings as set out in Section 58-1102. If this motion is approved, Subsection (3) shall read: (3) All providers of weddings shall require Face Coverings as set out in Section 58-1102. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Article, the wedding party shall not be required to wear a Face Covering during a wedding ceremony or while photographs of the wedding and reception are taken.

Councilman McGull seconded the motion and it was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted there are 61 speakers and therefore, as is City Council's policy, speakers will be limited to three minutes.

Ryan Baker spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Baker cited economic statistics pre and post COVID-19. He shared research findings in opposition of masking.

James Blaine spoke in favor of the proposed. Mr. Blaine noted he is a medical doctor and independent. He expressed his belief the shutdown was necessary and shared research findings in favor of masking, specifically citing the Great Clips exposure.

Marina Belonozhko spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Belonozhko expressed her opinion the proposed is unconstitutional. She cited COVID-19 statistics from the CDC and the WHO. Ms. Belonozhko expressed her opinion people need to take personal responsibility for their health, doing what makes them feel comfortable and safe, without imposing on the rights of others.

Brandon Bates spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Bates expressed his opinion we are at a crossroads. He expressed his belief people are living in fear and people want to control others because of a virus with a 99% survival rate. Mr. Bates noted he is former military and was exposed to more serious illnesses while stationed overseas at a detainee camp. He relayed his negative experience with masking and MTI.

Tiffany Boff spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Boff expressed her opinion it is not the government's job to make sure she stays healthy; it is her job. She posed the question of enforcing masking and if a person has a medical exception to masking how will that be noted as ADA does not allow a person to inquire about the medical condition. Ms. Boff noted she is the survivor of a sexual abuse crime and shared her opinion many people with PTSD will not be able to wear a mask.

Joey Borovicka spoke in favor of the proposed. Mr. Borovicka noted he is a supervisor of 22 people who work in an environment where many citizens come for services and often stay for an extended period, he noted his organization served 6500 people over the past week. He expressed his belief he is responsible for the safety of the people he supervises, and mandated masking would help keep everyone healthy.

Dave Choate spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Choate expressed his opinion boxing people in physically and or financially promotes an atmosphere of hopelessness. He cited statistics of deaths and population of other countries and urged City Council to learn more about what these countries are doing. Mr. Choate asked City Council to place the proposed on hold and research other options and not be driven by fear.

Charles Church spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Church noted the Surgeon General, the CDC, the WHO, and the New England Journal of Medicine have stated masks are useless to stop the spread of a virus. He expressed his opinion many of the aforementioned have recanted and have done so after political pressure was applied because of an agenda.

Ashlee Colliver spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Colliver noted statistics from the CDC website on surgical masks calling out masks do not offer protection from inhaling smaller airborne particles or provide respiratory protection. She cited a study on cloth masks from Oxford Academic. Ms. Colliver expressed her opinion there are not statistics to support wearing a mask.

Dennis Cox spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Cox noted he is not completely opposed to the proposed, but is concerned with other items included in the proposed. He expressed his concern for occupancy limits. Mr. Cox noted he owns four small businesses in Springfield and is dependent upon venues and establishments. He

expressed his opinion the occupancy limits alienates an entire industry and forces them out of work.

Ashley Clair spoke in favor of the proposed. Ms. Clair expressed her opinion the proposed may not be popular, but should be passed in order to get the community back on track by reducing the spread of COVID-19. She expressed her opinion she does not understand how mandatory masking violates a person's liberties and wished people who are not masked and do not adhere to social distancing could understand they are risking the health of others.

Glen Cunningham spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Cunningham expressed his belief the virus is going to affect certain individuals in the community no matter what precautions are taken. He posed the question to City Council if the City is going to provide masks to all citizens. Mr. Cunningham expressed his concern for the availability of masks, the prohibitive costs of disposable masks, and the correct laundering of cloth masks.

Josh Delaughder spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Delaughder expressed his opinion the proposed is an overreach of government. He expressed his frustration of restrictions and the shutdown of businesses and churches. Mr. Delaughder noted unemployment was not available to people who were self-employed. He expressed his opinion City Council has reacted with fearful encroachment on people's lives.

Dean Cuebas spoke in favor of the proposed. Mr. Cuebas noted he is a retired MSU professor and has extensive mathematical and forecasting experience. He displayed a trajectory of COVID-19 cases for 30 and 60 days. Mr. Cuebas expressed his opinion the behavior of people have put us in this situation and unless the behavior changes, the virus will continue.

Neal DeWoody spoke in favor of the proposed. Mr. DeWoody noted he is a nurse. He reviewed the growth in the number of COVID-19 cases since June 14th. Mr. DeWoody expressed his opinion people trust doctors and healthcare workers regarding their health, diagnoses, and treatment; but, when it comes to masking, people are suddenly not trusting the medical community.

Kim Doll spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Doll expressed her opinion choosing to mask or not to mask is a freedom of choice for our own body. She expressed her belief power, control, and greed motivate much of what is going on with COVID-19. Ms. Doll expressed her opinion she sees fear, despair, and hopelessness in people in the community and these are tools of the devil. She likened masks to the stars Jewish people were forced to wear.

Dr. Doug Duncan spoke in favor of the proposed. Dr. Duncan expressed his belief wearing masks to stop the spread of COVID-19 is based on science. He noted wearing masks was previously a recommendation from the CDC and relied on individuals to accept personal responsibility. Dr. Duncan expressed his opinion expecting people to take personal responsibility is not working and it is time to act.

Cindy Edwards spoke in favor of the proposed. Ms. Edwards noted she specializes in infection prevention for a local facility. She expressed her opinion COVID-19 is a disaster we could not be prepared for. Ms. Edwards discussed personal protective equipment (PPE) and expressed her belief if the virus is not stopped there will not be enough PPE for other medical conditions requiring PPE. She noted there are 19 reproduceable studies proving cloth masks work and expressed her opinion we cannot convince people to wear a mask, therefore pass the proposed based on knowledge we have.

Anna Winer spoke in favor of the proposed. Ms. Winer expressed her belief masking has brought about a debate between personal liberty and personal responsibility.

Emily Evan Sanders spoke in favor of the proposed. Ms. Evan Sanders noted she is a biology student. She expressed her opinion many people have the wrong idea about face masks and noted face masks are meant to protect others from what you could transmit. Ms. Evan Sanders expressed her opinion wearing a mask is not new and cited when a person goes to the doctor's office there is a sign stating if you do not feel well or have a cough to please wear a mask. She expressed her opinion the only difference is now everyone is being asked to wear a mask. Ms. Evan Sanders cited the Great Clips exposure as proof masks work.

Daniel Finney spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Finney posed the question if masks work, and you are wearing a mask, what does it matter if he is not wearing a mask. He expressed his opinion there are experts on both sides of the masking debate. Mr. Finney cited circumstances that reduce the effectiveness of masks. He expressed his opinion COVID-19 is all about politics.

Chris Gates spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Gates cited a letter by Steve Edwards, President and CEO of Cox Health, in which Mr. Edwards had stated there was an emergency because of the need for personal protection equipment (PPE), physical capacity, and treatment options. Mr. Gates noted Mr. Edwards has now said they have plenty of physical capacity, have tripled the supply of treatment options, and have plenty PPE. Mr. Gates expressed his opinion, if this is the case, then an emergency no longer exists. He expressed his opinion there is too much discrepancy and City Council should not be contemplating a 90-day ordinance.

Dr. Steve Gibbons spoke in opposition of the proposed. Dr. Gibbons noted he is a member of the Everybody Wins Coalition. He suggested reframing the state of emergency Springfield is in. Dr. Gibbons expressed his concern acting on the proposed too quickly could lead to other problems not yet considered. He expressed his opinion measures should be taken to protect those at risk, but not the general population. Dr. Gibbons expressed his opinion 90-days is inappropriately lengthy, especially when the state of emergency is unclear and treatments for the virus are rapidly changing. He requested if City Council is committed to passing the proposed to shorten the time to 30-days and review the status monthly.

Ron Joecks spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Joecks noted he is a member of the Everybody Wins Coalition. He expressed concern the proposed will lead to a

divide in the community. Mr. Joecks expressed his belief some people value liberty over physical life. He expressed his opinion if something is mandated to protect physical life, liberty is threatened and those who ascribe to liberty over life will resist the mandate. Mr. Joecks expressed his belief leading by example, education, and invitation, those who value liberty are more likely to support the effort.

Jim Lambeth spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Lambeth requested lines 98, 122, 128, and 329 be clearly communicated to the public. He noted he is a healthcare worker and encourages City Council to vote no to the proposed. Mr. Lambeth noted he has been monitoring the statistics. He shared his experience that many people who have tested positive did not know they had the disease. Mr. Lambeth expressed his opinion the virus is very mild and survivable. He urged City Council to vote the proposed down because of the cost of masks, the cost and time to enforce ordinance, and the loss of sales to businesses. He noted there is an increase in cases, but deaths remain low. Mr. Lambeth noted the top five causes of death account for 1.7 million deaths and noted the number of deaths from COVID-19 is nowhere near that high.

Dr. Minh-Thu Le spoke in favor of the proposed. Dr. Le noted she is an allergist and immunologist. She expressed her concern for her family members living and working in Springfield and wants them to be protected. Dr. Le explained as people get older their immune system become more dormant.

Lisa Meeks spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Meeks noted she emailed each City Council member a list of 18 studies proving masks do not prevent the spread of viruses. She cited a 2020 study by the CDC in which a search was conducted from 1946-2018 for research proving masking prevents the spread of viruses and no studies were found. Ms. Meeks cited a study of cloth masks noting proper use included changing masks every few hours. She expressed her opinion there is no scientific evidence to support the proposed and therefore, there is not a foundation to take away a person's freedom and could possibly risk a person's health.

Dr. Jennifer Lynch spoke in favor of the proposed. Dr. Lynch noted she is a neurologist at Cox Health. She expressed her opinion it is vital to flatten the curve. Dr. Lynch expressed her belief time matters and makes a difference in the overall number of cases. She explained at the onset of the disease, masking was not an early recommendation because there was a fear there would be a shortage and then there would not be enough personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers and because the majority of masks were made in China. Dr. Lynch noted masks are not a 100% guarantee, but it is a preventative measure. She noted there are many modeling studies indicating masking lowers the death rate. Dr. Lynch expressed her opinion the proposed is not an economic burden as it allows the city to be open and avoid a second lockdown.

Calvin Morrow spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Morrow noted he is a member of the Everybody Wins Coalition. He noted the coalition is not necessarily against masking, but are concerned there may be many unintended consequences due to the speed of the drafting of the proposed. Mr. Morrow expressed his belief at risk populations could be protected without applying a masking mandate. He stated the

coalition believes there is a better path forward than the proposed. Mr. Morrow requested delaying the ordinance for one week in order to review information submitted to each City Council member and noted the coalition wants to work with City Council to determine the best path forward.

Marti Miller spoke in favor of the proposed. She noted she is a nurse and worked at a hospital in New York for three weeks when the virus first started. Ms. Miller explained she wore a mask the entire time and when she returned to Springfield, she was tested for COVID-19. She noted she was negative for the virus even though she was repeatedly exposed, as were all the nurses from Springfield that helped in New York. Ms. Miller expressed her belief the consistent mask wearing protected her and proves masks work.

Reverend Christopher Miller spoke in favor of the proposed. Reverend Miller noted he is the pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church. He expressed his belief by listening to health officials, lives have been saved in Springfield. Reverend Miller expressed his opinion the pandemic in not done with Springfield as demonstrated by the rise in cases. He expressed his opinion scientific evidence supports masking. Reverend Miller expressed his belief adopting the proposed would free businesses, community, and faith leaders from the responsibility of balancing the desire to keep people safe and the desire not to offend anyone. He stated masking is a divisive issue and causes tension. Reverend Miller expressed his opinion a mandate would reduce this tension as everyone would be required to wear a mask.

Dr. James Peterson spoke in opposition of the proposed. Dr. Peterson noted he is a member of the Everybody Wins Coalition and is a practicing chiropractor. He expressed concern for the divisive impact on the city. Dr. Peterson expressed concern for citizens against leaders and neighbors against neighbors. He expressed his opinion operating by force rarely creates unity and usually creates civil unrest. Dr. Peterson expressed his opinion unity should be prioritized over speed. He expressed his opinion an unmasked face, a handshake, or a hug will be a symbol of not caring for others, rather than a conscious decision. Dr. Peterson expressed his opinion community trust will be damaged and neighbors will be turning neighbors in to the police.

Emily Popa spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Popa noted she is a member of the Everybody Wins Coalition. Ms. Popa expressed concern for how the Springfield Police Department (SPD) will enforce the proposed. Ms. Popa cited examples of police departments in other states not enforcing masking mandates. Ms. Popa expressed her opinion if police enforce the mandate it will create ill will with citizens and if they do not enforce the mandate, they will be insubordinate, so it is a no-win situation for SPD. Ms. Popa also expressed concern for the time SPD will use for ticketing non-masked citizens when there are more pressing criminal issues and emergencies to attend to.

Seven Nelson spoke in favor of the proposed. Ms. Nelson noted she will be a senior at Kickapoo High School this fall. She expressed her belief COVID-19 is oppressing people in low income areas and people of color. Ms. Nelson cited over 60% of cases are people of color. She expressed her opinion people in low income areas do not have

the same access to good healthcare. Ms. Nelson expressed her belief the health of all of us depends on the health of each of us. She expressed her opinion wearing face masks will protect everyone and she encouraged City Council to vote yes.

Dr. Christina Moellering spoke in favor of the proposed. Dr. Moellering noted she is a pediatrician. She expressed her opinion science supports masking as a way of preventing the spread of COVID-19. Dr. Moellering expressed her belief in a perfect world people would do the right thing, but that is not the situation here. She relayed a story of a patient concerned about contracting COVID-19 due to continuous exposure. She expressed her opinion it is unfair for this person to be continuously exposed by others who could be infectious and refuse to wear a mask. Dr. Moellering encouraged City Council to pass the proposed.

Megan Rallis spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Rallis noted she was speaking on behalf of the wedding industry. She expressed her desire for the occupancy limit to be increased to half while wearing masks and expressed concern for the 90-day timeframe. Ms. Rallis noted due to COVID-19 many couples have already had to change their wedding plans up to four times. She expressed her opinion the changes have put a financial hardship on the wedding community and couples. Ms. Rallis expressed merchants in the wedding industry are small businesses and are facing loss of income, lawsuits, stress, and loss of deposits. She made suggestions to City Council for changes to the proposed that would allow the wedding industry to move forward.

Lennon Rauhoff spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Rauhoff noted he is a member of the Everybody Wins Coalition. He expressed his gratitude to City Council, law enforcement, and the Health Department for working diligently to devise a solution. Mr. Rauhoff spoke to the information provided by Dr. Trotman and expressed his opinion the information given is assumptive and based on perfect compliance, correct usage, and the hypothetical situation of a perfect mask that protects both the wearer of the mask and the public around them. Mr. Rauhoff expressed his opinion if a shutdown is considered the most effective solution, then there should be another shutdown. He expressed his opinion when protective measures were first taken it was to flatten the curve and measure now seem to be to try to stop the spread. Mr. Rauhoff cited the hospital at home program and noted it has proven effective in foreign nations and reduce the cost of care by 32% compared to hospitalization.

Johnny Recla spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Recla responded to a comment made by Dr. Trotman regarding the number of patients hospitalized due to COVID-19. He cited a news story from KY3 noting there are 37 people hospitalized between Cox and Mercy, but only four of the patients are Greene County residents. He expressed his frustration over mandating masks for 200,000 people over four hospitalizations from Greene County under threat of fines and businesses losing their licenses. Mr. Recla noted he is a local business owner and weekdays he is a behavioral supervisor for adults with developmental and psychological disabilities. He expressed his concern for City Council's stake in their response to COVID-19. Mr. Recla noted an instance where prominent politicians and law enforcement stood shoulder to

shoulder for a photo and no one was wearing a mask. He expressed his frustration of forcing customers or losing customers to follow a mandate he does not support.

Christopher Roberds spoke in favor of the proposed. Mr. Roberds cited Goldman Sachs report that an economic shutdown is inevitable if people don't wear masks. He also cited a report from Dallas Federal Reserve president who explained implementing mask wearing right now is a better economic policy than any other monetary or fiscal policy that we can engage in. Mr. Roberds expressed his opinion moving back to a shutdown is the other alternative. He expressed his opinion he believes doctors, scientists, and immunologists and encouraged City Council to pass the proposed.

Adam Williams spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Williams spoke on behalf of the wedding industry. He expressed his personal experience with weddings and the need to be spontaneous to adapt to any situation that may arise no matter what the scenario. Mr. Williams expressed his opinion other businesses are able to open, while the wedding industry is being forced backward with no indication of what the future may be. He posed questions to City Council noting COVID-19 is here and bets are being hedged on a possible vaccine, changing the virus course through masking, allowing or not allowing events; therefore, what is the plan? Mr. Williams noted the amount of income lost to the wedding industry is insurmountable. He requested City Council amend the proposed to only have masks in public spaces and not limit the number of people at weddings.

Kody Simpson spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Simpson noted he is a member of the Everybody Wins Coalition. He expressed concern the proposed presses business owners into a position of service as law enforcement under possibility of punishment or losing their business license. Mr. Simpson expressed his belief the proposed will cause divisiveness between business owners and their employees and customers. He expressed his opinion the penalty for noncompliance of the proposed is much higher for businesses than individual citizens, demonstrating a purposeful act of putting business owners as the new policing unit of Springfield.

Larry Dean Taylor spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Taylor expressed his opinion there is a lot of bias surrounding the proposed. He noted his belief City Council is only listening to the medical community and not considering the other side of the story. Mr. Taylor expressed his opinion City Council needs to consider if the proposed is best for Americans, people Springfield, and if the things citizens are being asked to do correspond to the oath of office. He expressed his belief the efficacy of masking varies widely and there should not be an assumption one side is telling the truth. Mr. Taylor shared his personal experience of traveling to nine different states in the last four month and he has not witnessed the pandemic anywhere or encountered a sick or dead person. He expressed his opinion there is not a pandemic, it is fear mongering and urged City Council to take this into consideration.

Melanie Taylor spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Taylor expressed her opinion the community is currently in a better position now then since the start of COVID-19. She also brought charts depicting this information. Ms. Taylor noted statics show an increase in COVID-19 cases, but not in COVID-19 deaths. She also noted Missouri

has one of the lowest COVID-19 death rates in the country, especially in Greene County. Ms. Taylor expressed her opinion City Council's response to COVID-19 on the local economy are not warranted for nine deaths. She expressed her concern there is bias from the health department because the Health Departments was given \$2 million for COVID-19 related work; therefore, creating an incentive for the Health Department to continue to raise concerns in order to attain more funding. Ms. Taylor encouraged City Council to listen to the citizens.

Kurt Theobald spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Theobald noted he is a member of the Everybody Wins Coalition. He noted the Coalition is advocating for a delay in proposed. Mr. Theobald noted the Coalition is requesting a new approach requiring a scaled solution with thresholds for predefined responses, designed by a group of community leaders which represent every major segment of the community. He expressed his opinion data needs to be gathered on demographics, hospitalizations, the number of local patients versus imported patients and the data needs to be kept locally versus regionally. Mr. Theobald expressed his opinion rather than responding with the most extreme measures immediately while the virus is developing, we need to address it to the degree that it is progressing. He further expressed his belief the curve needs to be flattened, but not extinguished as the virus needs to move through the healthy population at a reasonable rate to develop herd immunity. He implored City Council to table the proposed for one week in order to consider other plans and review unintended consequences.

Kyle Theobald spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Theobald noted he is a member of the Everybody Wins Coalition. He noted he is a local business owner. Mr. Theobald noted the Coalition promotes diverse dialogue and ideology surrounding the COVID-19 response. Mr. Theobald expressed his opinion there should be a pause in order to determine how the proposed will affect the economy. He expressed his belief the proposed will only bring harm to the local economy. Mr. Theobald expressed his belief people will circumvent the proposed by shopping outside of Springfield and by going outside of the city to shop and actually increase the possibility of bringing the virus back to Springfield. He expressed his opinion the virus is a real threat, but we cannot let confirmed case numbers obstruct our ability to come together as a community to develop a solution that flattens the curve, while protecting the local economic growth, health, and our liberty. Mr. Theobald expressed his opinion there are better solutions than the proposed.

Nathan Toombs spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Toombs noted he is a member of the Everybody Wins Coalition. He expressed his opinion the needs of the religious community have been forgotten. Mr. Toombs noted the constitution guarantees freedom to practice religion. He expressed his opinion the proposed comes at the expense of religious liberty. Mr. Toombs expressed his opinion government mandates become a slippery slope. He noted the constitution also guarantees the freedom to assemble. Mr. Toombs expressed his opinion those who wish to gather in a religious setting should have the freedom to do so, but the proposed will result in penalties for doing so. He expressed his opinion we as a community do not have the right, constitutionally or morally, to tell religions what they can or cannot do if they are doing so at the free will of everyone involved.

Brendan Tull spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Tull noted he is a member of the Everybody Wins Coalition. He expressed his opinion the proposed is about much more than the virus and there is an entire economy to consider. Mr. Tull noted since lockdown orders have come out there has been an increase in domestic violence, domestic abuse, and suicide. He expressed his opinion there seems to be a rushed sense among governments that laws and ordinances need to be passed and expressed concern there is an entire economy that needs to be considered. Mr. Tull noted when it comes to the risk of spreading viral diseases infection count is a secondary metric compared to the primary metric of hospitalization. He noted the CDC cites health care capacity to support the need that the spread imposes and whether the vulnerable segments of the community are being protected. Mr. Tull reiterated only four people currently hospitalized are from Greene County and asked data be made available for where the remaining patients are from in order to have a clear picture of local health care coverage area. He cited a letter from Steven Edwards, President at Mercy Health, noting there is not a database triggering plan. Mr. Tull expressed his opinion without a triggering plan, we are being reactive and that creates risks for error. He encouraged City Council to pause the proposed in order to create a cohesive plan with input from all major segments of the community.

Rob Tull spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Tull noted he is a member of the Everybody Wins Coalition. He noted he is a Chief Information Officer at a local software development company. Mr. Tull noted he has spent his career helping organizations identify objectives and work through a process that produces solutions that will predictably, and independently, achieve those objectives. He expressed his opinion the proposed does not appear to have gone through such a process. Mr. Tull shared his personal experience when he meets with clients, they often come to him with a solution in mind, but as they work through the process, they come to realize there are aspects that have not been considered. He expressed his opinion the proposed contains a number of items that reflect a lack of consideration for many community stakeholders and often without buy in from stakeholders, there will be resistance. Mr. Tull expressed concern for the method and speed the proposed was developed. He noted he and his organization would be happy to work with City Council to pull stakeholders together, discuss the risks, and create an opportunity for feedback and balance. Mr. Tull encouraged City Council to reject the proposed or at least delay the proposed.

Sarah Waddell spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Waddell expressed her opinion people seeking a masking mandate are seeking a managed state and are looking for something to fix the problem. She expressed her opinion the fix is not going to come from City Council. Ms. Waddell expressed her opinion a fix to the virus will probably not come from the Health Department or the hospitals, as they may not know how to fix the problem. She noted she is not here to argue science or medicine with City Council, but encouraged them to review Dr. Richard Bartlett's work. Ms. Waddell expressed her opinion masking is dehumanizing, separates people, and silences people. She expressed her opinion mandating face masks does not increase unity, but polarizes people.

Mark Struckhoff spoke in favor of the proposed. Mr. Struckhoff noted he is a member of the Have Faith Initiative. He noted he is speaking on behalf of himself and expressed his gratitude to City Council for listening. Mr. Struckhoff expressed his opinion the proposed is a social justice issue and social justice is born from compassion and love. He encouraged City Council to vote yes.

Mona Wagner spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Wagner noted she is a local business owner. She noted she researched the CDC and WHO website and noted there is no scientific evidence that masking will end the virus. Ms. Wagner noted the CDC and WHO websites listed both potential benefits and harms. She expressed her opinion once City Council started to consider mandatory masking, more people started wearing masks, yet the infection rate is increasing. Ms. Wagner expressed her personal experience of witnessing people mandated to wear masks by their employers not wearing masks appropriately. She cited two of the five potential benefits listed from the websites of making people feel safe and reducing the stigma of wearing a mask. Ms. Wagner noted the website listed 11 disadvantages. She expressed her opinion she is bleeding financial and City Council is her doctor. Ms. Wagner expressed her belief the proposed will encourage people to go outside the city to shop and her business will be destroyed, and no one is coming to her rescue.

Jamie Ward spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Ward noted she is a member of the Everybody Wins Coalition. She noted the CDC and WHO early on noted promoting masking would provide a false sense of security. She expressed her opinion this may still be the case and would thus reduce other transmission activities. Ms. Ward noted hand-washing and social distancing have documented support and have stronger negative effects on transmission velocity. She noted according to CDC, masking may prevent larger particle virus transmission, but frequent hand-washing and social distancing are the most effective steps to slow the spread of the virus. Ms. Ward expressed her opinion any steps to deter these activities is a direct threat to keeping the virus at treatable levels and protecting the most vulnerable. She expressed her belief if the proposed passes many people will believe masking is a primary solution as it is a physically felt barrier despite masking offering less protection than other activities. Ms. Ward cited studies from other cities with mandatory masking noting people were less likely to social distance and felt it was more acceptable to visit public places. She expressed her opinion mandatory masking is counterproductive to the objective.

Amy Sutton spoke in favor of the proposed. Ms. Sutton noted she wanted to address schools opening. She expressed her opinion not being able to send her children to school in the fall will be a tremendous financial stress and will be difficult mentally and socially on herself and her children. Ms. Sutton expressed her concern for sending her children to school based on the projections of increased cases of COVID-19. She expressed her opinion decisive and swift action needs to be taken to inhibit the virus. Ms. Sutton expressed her opinion because of the preventative measures at the onset of the virus is why we are not seeing the same number of cases as other areas and therefore we should not lessen our resolve.

Tyler Willhite spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Willhite expressed his opinion a mandate enforced by fines is an overreach of government power and the decision to

wear a face mask should be left to the individual. He noted a press conference where Governor Parson stated wearing a face mask is up to the individual. Mr. Willhite expressed his opinion it is not the role of government to implement mandatory masking, which only act as a peer pressure fueled signal that encourages conformity to the new normal. He noted there has been numerous inconsistencies in empirical data related to the efficacy of masking to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Mr. Willhite expressed his opinion due to the lack of consistency in data and the contentious debate between those for masking and those opposed, a mask mandate would serve as another inconsistent decision made by City Council that affect citizen's liberties. He urged City Council to vote no on the proposed.

Dawn Williams spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Williams noted she is co-owner of Metropolitan Weddings. She noted she is speaking on behalf of many small businesses and wanted to address how the wedding industry is being impacted. Ms. Williams expressed her belief mandatory masking will be detrimental to the wedding industry and to the weddings currently planned. She noted due to COVID-19 and previous mandates, many couples have had to change their wedding dates two or three times, taking up scheduling dates needed in order to garner income. Ms. Williams expressed her belief couples do not want the guests wearing masks, as weddings are meant to be filled with smiles, laughs, and tearful moments as family, friends, and co-workers share one of the most important moments in their life. She begged City Council to reconsider requiring masks at weddings, as weddings are a private event held by a citizen that is by invitation only and people can make a conscious choice as to whether to attend. Ms. Williams expressed her opinion a 90-day mandate is unreasonable and will result in mom and pop business going out of business.

Kyle Wyatt spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Wyatt expressed his opinion City Council had already made up their minds. He noted he is an attorney and former military. Mr. Wyatt noted he is originally from Kansas City, but moved to Springfield as he appreciates the conservative values. He noted the models provided by the experts keep being proven wrong. Mr. Wyatt expressed concern City Council is debating whether to take some civil liberties away from citizens. He expressed his opinion if City Council passes the proposed they are not showing leadership, but rather the opposite. Mr. Wyatt noted his personal experience as an attorney drives him to review facts. He noted Broward County and Miami-Dade County in Florida had a mandatory masking ordinance in April and their case numbers are still increasing. Mr. Wyatt expressed his frustration for the City Council wanting to mandate masking over eight deaths and 47 hospitalizations for over 200,000 people. He expressed his opinion the facts do not support the masking mandate or taking away a civil liberty. Mr. Wyatt noted wearing a seatbelt is a mandate, but driving is a privilege; however, owning a business or choosing to shop at a business is a civil liberty.

Zeke Beltran spoke in opposition of the proposed. Mr. Beltran expressed his opinion City Council is elected to represent the people and therefore should go with the popular vote. He read an email he received from a medical professional at Greene County Medical Society asking for volunteers to speak at the City Council meeting on July 13, 2020 in favor of mandatory masking emergency bill 2020-159 and noting how to sign up to speak and how many citizens were speaking in favor (2) and how many in

opposition (15). Mr. Beltran expressed his opinion the number of speakers signed up in opposition clearly demonstrated people are not in favor of the proposed.

Wendy Rodriguez-Gall spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Rodriguez-Gall spoke about her personal experience during the last four months. She noted her immediate family consists of eight members, ages eight months to 57 years, in two households. Ms. Rodriguez-Gall noted she is a small business owner and her business was shutdown during the Stay-At-Home Order as a non-essential business. She noted her family has traveled to Florida and made multiple trips to Texas, as well as visited casinos, Wal-Mart, Menards, and so on. Ms. Rodriguez-Gall noted none of her family wear a mask, unless mandated by their employer, and no one has been sick. She noted they sanitize when they travel, they are smart and vigilant. Ms. Rodriguez-Gall explained two family members had fevers, were tested for COVID-19, and both tests came back negative. She expressed her opinion mandating masks will increase division in the community, there is no way to police the proposed, and the emergency system will be inundated with calls of citizens tattling thus hindering the safety of the community. Ms. Rodriguez-Gall expressed her belief there needs to be less restrictions and more freedoms, to be smart, to choose where you want to go, choose if you want to wear a mask, sanitize, and live our lives.

Joy Young spoke in opposition of the proposed. Ms. Young expressed her opinion doctors are not the people she voted for to represent her. She expressed her opinion the proposed will hinder her constitutional rights. Ms. Young noted she has a carry-conceal permit and you cannot wear a mask while armed. She expressed her belief City Council is hindering her and God's people. Ms. Young pleaded with City Council to not make citizens enforce the proposed. She expressed her opinion fear is increasing, children cannot recognize their parents or friends when masked, and a mask hides a smile which is a form of greeting. Ms. Young encouraged City Council to do the right thing and to consider when they come to the end of their life to recall what it was like to give the people freedom.

Councilman Hosmer asked what constitutional right is being violated.

Ms. Young clarified she did not say a constitutional right was violated, she replied she has a carry-conceal permit.

Councilman Hosmer asked again what constitutional right is being violated.

Ms. Young responded her freedom of religion. She noted she practices by laying hands and this hinders her. Ms. Young noted she is prohibited from touching people.

Councilman Hosmer clarified Ms. Young noted we should not listen to doctors.

Ms. Young replied doctors should not influence City Council. She expressed her opinion people are expressing their opinion of the proposed.

Councilman Hosmer clarified this is a public health crisis and Ms. Young does not want City Council to listen to doctors.

Ms. Young responded City Council can listen to medical advice, but it appears to her City Council is not listening to the people who voted for you. She expressed her opinion the majority should speak.

Mayor McClure asked City Clerk, Anita Cotter, to review the multiple methods and outcomes citizens had available to express their opinions to City Council.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted there were multiple avenues for citizens to express their opinion regarding the proposed including, comments submitted via an online form, a phone tree which allowed voice mails to be left in support or opposition, email, and phone calls to the City Clerk's office. Ms. Cotter noted there were 8,592 forms submitted with 5,749 responses or 66.9% in support of the proposed and 2,851 responses or 33.1% in opposition to the proposed. She also noted there were 3,287 calls submitted through the phone tree, with 1,423 or 44% in-support and received 1,864 or 56% in opposition.

There being no additional speakers the public hearing was declared closed.

Dr. Doug Duncan submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. He expressed his opinion the proposed is based on the science of medicine and numerous evidence based scientific research articles. He expressed his opinion wearing face masks was a recommendation relying on personal responsibility and it has not worked in controlling the spread of the disease. Dr. Duncan expressed his opinion the argument wearing masks is harmful is not valid argument. He also noted surgeons are not required to wear a mask while performing surgery, but they do so because they care about their patients.

Mayor McClure noted the proposed is a one reading bill and is now in front of City Council for consideration. He asked for questions or comments from members of City Council.

Councilman Simpson expressed his opinion the proposed is based on science and narrowly tailored. Councilman Simpson expressed his opinion to compare the atrocities of the Holocaust or slavery to masking is deeply offensive. He expressed his opinion people are ready for the pandemic to be over, but we do not get to pretend the pandemic is over by pretending the pandemic is not happening or by ignoring the needs of our neighbors. Councilman Simpson cited Dr. Trotman noting we are in the early stages of exponential case growth. He noted preventing the spread is better for every aspect of our community. Councilman Simpson expressed his opinion scientific facts indicate masking will slow the spread of COVID-19. He noted the local community health professionals have been very vocal in support of the proposed. Councilman Simpson noted he will be supporting the proposed.

Councilman Ollis asked for clarification about wearing masks in private offices.

Clay Goddard, Director of Public Health and Welfare, noted the proposed is for places of public accommodation; therefore, a private office is not a place of public accommodation. He noted private offices would be subject to the employer's policies.

Councilman Ollis expressed his opinion the proposed is very controversial, but noted if wearing masks in public may be able to keep people healthy and keep the economy open, he will be supporting the proposed.

Councilman Hosmer noted he will be supporting the proposed. He echoed Councilman Simpson's comments about Nazi Germany and slavery and expressed his opinion they were not well thought out comments. Councilman Hosmer noted many people felt the proposed is unconstitutional and cited the United States Supreme Court in 1905 stating states can regulate public health upon the principal of self defense of paramount necessity a community has the right to protect itself against an epidemic or disease which threatens the safety of its members. He expressed his opinion this is the current state of Springfield. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief during a public health crisis if City Council does not listen to doctors, then they should be out of office, because doctors are exactly who they should be listening to. He expressed his opinion there either needed to be a masking ordinance or there would need to be another shutdown. Councilman Hosmer expressed his opinion masking is not a solution to the pandemic, but it is a step in the right direction, and noted he will be supporting the proposed.

Councilman Lear expressed his gratitude to Councilman Simpson and expressed his opinion Councilman Simpson articulated well what he is also feeling. He noted one of the concerns expressed by citizens was the proposed was developed in a vacuum and he noted there was an opportunity for citizens to express comments, they spoke with the business community, and they spoke the Faith Initiative and the Faith Group. Councilman Lear expressed his belief the proposed is the compassionate solution and noted he will be voting in favor of the proposed.

Councilman McGull expressed his gratitude to the Mayor, his fellow City Council members, and to the citizens. He expressed his opinion the situation was a brilliant display of democracy. Councilman McGull expressed his belief there were no winners or losers tonight and the first amendment was clearly represented. He shared a personal experience from his Naval experience in searching for missing Americans in Iraq. Councilman McGull expressed his opinion if one life can be saved, wearing a face covering is worthwhile. He noted he will be supporting the proposed.

Councilwoman Fisk expressed her opinion citizen responses are in favor of the proposed, but more importantly from the medical community who are entrenched in this hideous pandemic. She expressed her opinion wearing a mask and wearing it properly will make a difference. Councilman Fisk demonstrated how to properly wear a mask. She expressed her opinion if we are not able to slow the spread, we may have to shutdown again. Councilwoman Fisk expressed her opinion we are entering a critical time as many people travel in and out of Springfield for work, people may be coming to the city for the Empire State Fair, students will be arriving to attend college; therefore, we need to do all we can to keep all people safe. She noted she supports the proposed in order to protect the economy and slow the spread of COVID-19.

Councilman Schilling noted he is in agreement with all of the recommendations of the healthcare industry on a national and local basis. He expressed his opinion our two

City Council priorities, economic vitality and quality of place, can be upheld by supporting the proposed.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her gratitude to Mayor McClure for being a strong leader. She expressed her opinion the current meeting has been the longest during her tenure and also the most scientific, emotional, and political, but noted she cannot ignore the central aspect, the health of the community. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson noted she conferred with City Legal staff last week and will not be able to vote and is abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor McClure called for a roll call vote.

City Council Bill 2020-159. General Ordinance 6607 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Simpson, Schilling, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Ferguson.

Mayor McClure spoke on a point of personal privilege. He noted a united City Council spoke unanimously on this topic and no one wanted to have the situation come to this point, however the data and the lived experience over the past four months indicate this is exactly the right step at the right time to take in the fight against the fight against the coronavirus. The Mayor noted this is truly the best bad option to take at this time. He noted this is a time to pull together and not a time of civil disobedience. He challenged every member of the community to assume personal responsibility, wear a mask, wash your hands, stay at home if you have the slightest bit of illness as there is much at stake here, but the community needs to step up and help reduce the numbers, or at least not make them worse. The Mayor noted the only option is to go backwards and reinstate more drastic measures and that is a step no one wants to make. He expressed his belief the community can control its own destiny, and this is a time we must rely on the expertise of local healthcare professionals and doctors, and healthcare facilities. The Mayor expressed his belief as a community this can be accomplished because we are all our brother's and sister's keepers.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

The following bill appeared on the agenda under Grants.

Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program Grant

Sponsor: Simpson. City Council Bill 2020-160.

A Special Ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$300,000, from the Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of providing supplemental funds to the City's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program and to enter into contracts to carry out the grant objectives; and amending the budget provided for the Planning and Development Department for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$300,000.

Olivia Hough, Senior City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the program provides for environmental assessments, clean-up planning,

technical assistance and loans and subgrants for city wide clean-ups. Ms. Hough noted the purpose of the proposed is seek approval for submitting final grant application documents to the EPA including the work plan, budget and then to amend the budget in the amount of \$300,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her gratitude to Ms. Hough for the work she has done in the Brownfields and the help she has provided to the City.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers the public hearing was declared closed.

Mayor McClure noted the proposed is a one reading bill and is now in front of City Council for consideration. He asked for questions or comments from members of City Council.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor McClure called for a roll call vote.

City Council Bill 2020-160. Special Ordinance 27353 was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ferguson, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Schilling. Abstain: None.

AMENDED BILLS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under City Council Bills for Public Hearing.

Glenstone and Kearney Community Improvement District

Sponsor: McGull. City Council Bill 2020-161.

A Special Ordinance approving a Petition to Establish the Glenstone and Kearney Community Improvement District; declaring the 4.54 acres in said District to be a blighted area and its redevelopment necessary for the preservation of the public peace, prosperity, health, safety, morals, and welfare; authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City, the Glenstone and Kearney Community Improvement District, and Missouri Commercial Development, LLC; and directing the City Clerk to notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development of the creation of the District. (Staff recommends approval.)

Sarah Kerner, Director of Economic Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted it would create a separate governmental entity; the petition dictates specifics of the district such as boundaries, funding source, activities, and lifespan; and, City Council must conduct a public hearing to determine if the Petition to Establish is valid. Ms. Kerner reviewed the location, noted it is a blighted Community Improvement District (CID) project, and noted the proposed would impose a 1% sales and use tax. She reviewed the financial impact of the CID and concluded with a summary of the CID proposal.

Councilman Lear noted there is a proposed bill regarding CIDs at the state level requiring a vote of municipality and asked if it impacts the three CIDs City Council is reviewing this evening.

Mayor McClure answered the governor must act by July 14, 2020.

Ms. Kerner answered if the proposed does become a law, then increases in sales tax would have to be approved by voters in municipalities. She noted there is much discussion regarding what that vote looks like and the logistics of the vote.

Mayor McClure noted if the governor does sign the bill, it will not take effect until August 28, 2020.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers the public hearing was declared closed.

**Kay Pointe Place
Community
Improvement
District**

Sponsor: Ferguson. City Council Bill 2020-162.

A Special Ordinance approving a Petition to Establish the Kay Pointe Place Community Improvement District; authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City and the Kay Pointe Place Community Improvement District, and Carleton Resources, LLC; and directing the City Clerk to notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development of the creation of the District. (Staff recommends approval.)

Sarah Kerner, Director of Economic Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Kerner reviewed the Community Improvement District (CID) location, noted the estimated cost is \$1.5 million, and would include public improvements to roadways, street lighting, sidewalks, sewer improvements and trails. She noted the proposed would impose a 1% sales and use tax and have a 50-year lifespan. Ms. Kerner reviewed the financial impact of the CID and concluded with a summary of the CID proposal.

Councilman Schilling clarified this project would allow the Greenway Trail to connect across the road east to west.

Ms. Kerner answered affirmatively. She noted there is a trail easement, but did not know the plan for Greenway Trail to cross West Bypass.

Councilman Hosmer asked what the normal lifespan of a CID.

Ms. Kerner answered there is not a defined term, the policy states perpetual CIDs are not allowed. She noted the City wants developers to be reimbursed for the public improvements made and the CID terminates when the developer is reimbursed or when the CID reaches the end of the lifespan, whichever comes first.

Councilman Hosmer clarified the 1% sales tax is not taking away from current sales tax in that area.

Ms. Kerner answered affirmatively. She noted the 1% is above what is currently charged and noted this area has not previously been developed.

Councilman Hosmer asked how this works within the parameters of the Hancock amendment.

Mary Lilly Smith, Director of Planning and Development, answered a new governmental jurisdiction is created and they have the right to levy a sales tax. She noted she did not believe Hancock was affected, but they would need to consult an attorney.

Mayor McClure noted he does not believe it does either, but noted it is a good question.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers the public hearing was declared closed.

**The Ridge at Ward
Farm Community
Improvement
District**

Sponsor: Schilling. City Council Bill 2020-163.

A Special Ordinance approving a Petition to Establish the Ridge at Ward Farm Community Improvement District; authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City, the Ridge at Ward Farm Community Improvement District, and RW Developments, LLC; and directing the City Clerk to notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development of the creation of the District. (Staff recommends approval.)

Sarah Kerner, Director of Economic Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Kerner reviewed the Community Improvement District (CID) location, noted the estimated cost is \$13.6 million, and would include public improvements to streets and sidewalks, utilities, sewer, storm water managements, community gathering spaces, public open space and trails, landscaping, and professional services such as engineering, surveying, architectural, and legal. She noted the proposed would impose a 1% sales and use tax and have a 40-year lifespan. Ms. Kerner reviewed the financial impact of the CID and concluded with a summary of the CID proposal.

Councilman McGull asked how much oversight the City Council had with the CIDs.

Ms. Kerner answered some, as there is a cooperative agreement with the district giving the City half a percent of sales, staff approve submitted receipts for projects (locking in the reimbursable amount), annual budget review by City Council, and filing requirements by the state (public documents).

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Ms. Cotter noted the developer was available to answer any questions City Council may have.

Mayor McClure asked if there were questions for the developer.

There were no questions.

There being no speakers the public hearing was declared closed.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under First Reading Bills.

City Council Bills 2020-164 and 2020-165 were read together.

**Commercial Street
Parking Lot and
Pedestrian
Alleyway
Improvement
Project**

Sponsor: Ferguson. City Council Bill 2020-164.

A Special Ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Commercial Street Parking Lot and Pedestrian Alleyway Improvement Project; accepting the bid of Hunter Chase & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$522,660.40, for the project; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

**Mosaic Artwork
from the
Commercial Club**

Sponsor: Ferguson. City Council Bill 2020-165.

A Special Ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a donation of mosaic artwork valued at \$15,000.00 from the Commercial Club of Springfield, Missouri, for inclusion in sidewalk construction and enhancement in the Commercial Street area.

Dan Smith, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the proposed is a project improving two alleyways and a parking lot adding new pavement, lighting, and landscaping. Mr. Smith noted City Utilities donated the pedestrian lighting. He noted this is one of the first projects related to Quality of Place. Mr. Smith displayed a photo of sidewalk mosaic artwork as a representation of the mosaic artwork donation that will be constructed in the alleyways.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson expressed her gratitude to Mr. Smith and his staff for their work on Commercial Street.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Written comments were submitted in support of City Council Bill 2020-164, 2020-165 and 2020-166 from Christine Schilling, Connie Rhoades Hinds, Irene Schaefer, Joe Gidman, Christine Guice and Mark Baylor, Anne Walls, Mary Collette, Andy Walls, Karen Schaefer, Lyle Foster, and Leslie Padilla.

Christine Schilling submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. Ms. Schilling noted the project represents a collaborative effort of Commercial Club, the Merchants Group, and the City.

Connie Rhoades Hinds submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. Ms. Hinds expressed her belief the projects to improve C Street have been widely embraced and have made C Street a local destination.

Irene Schaefer submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. Ms. Schaefer expressed her opinion the project will benefit all the businesses on the street and will add to the C Street public art collection.

Joe Gidman submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. Mr. Gidman noted he owns several businesses in the area and supports the project.

Christine Guice and Mark Baylor (husband and wife) submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. The couple expressed the belief every enhancement to the district increases the overall aesthetic and popularity, thereby helping the district and the city of Springfield become a more popular destination.

Anne Walls submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. Ms. Walls noted she owns a business in the area and supports the project.

Mary Collette submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. Ms. Collette expressed her opinion the proposals have resulted from years of public input and those on Commercial Street are poised to take advantage of the momentum a project like this can bring.

Andy Walls submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. Mr. Walls noted he owns a business in the area and supports the project.

Karen Schaefer submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. Ms. Schaefer expressed her opinion the project will create an inviting atmosphere and help the businesses on the street, as well as add an artistic flair the street is known for.

Lyle Foster submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. Mr. Foster expressed his belief the project is important for customers, residents, and businesses. He expressed his opinion the project will establish the alleys and parking lot as safe and welcoming.

Leslie Padilla submitted comments via email in favor of the proposed. Ms. Padilla expressed her gratitude to City Council for their support of the proposed.

There being no speakers the public hearing was declared closed.

**Expenditures from
the Commercial
Street Tax
Increment
Financing Special
Allocation Fund**

Sponsor: Ferguson. City Council Bill 2020-166.

A Special Ordinance authorizing expenditures from the Commercial Street Tax Increment Financing Special Allocation Fund for public improvement projects within the Commercial Street Tax Increment Financing District in the amount of \$66,000, which had previously been allocated for the Commercial Street TIF Façade Loan Program. (Staff recommends approval.)

Sarah Kerner, Director of Economic Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the bids for the project were higher than anticipated and therefore to accomplish the project staff is requesting to reallocate funds from the Commercial Street TIF Façade Loan Program to the Commercial Street Parking Lot and Pedestrian Alleyway Improvement Project.

Councilman McGull asked if the alleyway project was a total resurfacing.

Ms. Kerner answered affirmatively.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers the public hearing was declared closed.

City Council Bills 2020-167 and 2020-168 were read together.

**Amending the
Operating Budget
of the City of
Springfield in
various Special
Revenue and
Capital Project
Funds**

Sponsor: Ollis. City Council Bill 2020-167.

A Special Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 operating budget of the City of Springfield by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$368,028.00, in various Special Revenue and Capital Project Funds, for the purpose of accounting for certain reimbursements and associated offsetting expenses.

**Amending the
Operating Budget
of the City of
Springfield in
General Fund**

Sponsor: Hosmer. City Council Bill 2020-168.

A Special Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 operating budget of the City of Springfield in the General Fund by increasing both revenue and expenses in the amount of \$146,511.00, for the purpose of adjusting for certain reimbursements and associated offsetting expenses as well as adjusting the salary budget for retirement payouts.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He noted the two bills are the City's annual year end budget adjustments to account for items that occur throughout the fiscal year that were not anticipated or known.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers the public hearing was declared closed.

**City Utilities
Agreement with
BKD, LLP, for
Professional
Auditing Services**

Sponsor: McClure. City Council Bill 2020-169.

A Special Ordinance authorizing the General Manager of City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri ("City Utilities"), or his designee, on behalf of City Utilities to enter into an agreement with BKD, LLP, to provide professional auditing services to City Utilities for Fiscal Years 2020-2024. If City Utilities is unsuccessful at negotiating the terms and conditions of such a contract with BKD, LLP, then City Utilities will move to do so with RSM US, LLP.

Pam Elsaesser, City Utilities, provided a brief overview of the proposed. She noted the city charter requires a yearly audit of City Utilities (CU) and the current contract with BKD, LLP expires in July. Ms. Elsaesser noted the contract was put out for bid and they received four proposals. She noted the CU board recommends retaining the current auditors BKD and requests City Council's authorization to enter into a contract for professional auditing services for fiscal years 2020-2024 with BKD.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no speakers the public hearing was declared closed.

**Donation from
BSB Tie Company
to SPD**

Sponsor: Simpson. City Council Bill 2020-171.

A Special Ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a donation of 700 railroad ties, valued at \$17,780.00, from BSB Tie Company to be used by the Springfield Police Department to improve safety in their training shoot house.

Mayor McClure noted City Council received information last week noting the railroad ties will be used at the police shoot house for training purposes.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Tim Havens noted he had questions regarding the proposed, but those questions have been answered.

There being no additional speakers the public hearing was declared closed.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

John Holt wishes to address City Council. Mr. Holt did not appear.

Daryl Baker wishes to address City Council. Mr. Baker did not appear.

Renee Goodwin wishes to address City Council. Ms. Goodwin did not appear.

Holly Acharya wishes to address City Council. She expressed her opinion transparency is not guaranteed by police using body worn cameras. Ms. Acharya encouraged City Council to include the public and civil rights advocacy groups to create policies for body cameras and to set strong policies addressing body cameras.

Adrienne Ewell wishes to address City Council. Ms. Ewell noted she is the Vice-President of the local chapter of the NAACP. She expressed her gratitude for the information and transparency on the “Where We Stand” site on the Springfield Police Department (SPD) website. Ms. Ewell expressed her opinion SPD is not in compliance with standard operating guidelines related to traffic stops report. She cited statistics and expressed concern for the racial disparity in police actions related to traffic stops.

Toni Robinson wishes to address City Council. Ms. Robinson noted she is the President of the local chapter of the NAACP. She expressed her opinion Springfield is not exempt from racism. Ms. Robinson expressed her opinion City Council is responsible for hiring the Police Chief, the City Manager, and the Deputy City Manager and therefore are accountable for the injustice happening and the justice they are demanding. She listed numerous demands from the NAACP and called for action.

Cheryl Clay wishes to address City Council regarding the police/civilian appeal board. Ms. Clay expressed her opinion there is no confidence in the review board. She reviewed how members of the board are selected and expressed her opinion candidates are hand-picked by the Police Chief and thus violating the foundation of an independent review board.

Mayor McClure asked Ms. Clay if she had taken her concerns to Chief Williams.

Ms. Clay noted Chief Williams is on their list, but expressed her opinion he is not the one to make changes, it is the City Council.

Mayor McClure suggested she start with Chief Williams and noted Chief Williams would be happy to meet with her and address some of her concerns and questions.

Thomas Haines wishes to address City Council. Mr. Haines shared a personal experience from 2014 which he believes demonstrates racism within the Springfield Police Department, as well as harassment of blacks.

Mia Jones wishes to address City Council. Ms. Jones noted she is the founder of United Community for Change. She explained she is fighting to desegregate the power, race and financial gaps and unite the area for complete community reform. Ms. Jones listed numerous demands of police of the Springfield Police Department.

Kimberly Woodman wishes to address City Council. Ms. Woodman noted she is a member of United Community for Change. She relayed a story of a friend’s experience of protesting in Kansas City. Ms. Woodman expressed her opinion abuse of power can happen easily and go unchecked. She expressed her support for body camera for the police department and encouraged City Council to consider the demands made by Mia Jones.

Tim Havens wishes to address City Council. Mr. Havens noted he was appearing before City Council on behalf of the United Community for Change. He reminded City Council he has appeared before City Council at the last two meetings and expressed his belief City Council has abdicated responsibility to effectively monitor the

police department. Mr. Havens referenced the Milgram experiment and expressed his belief the outcome of the experiment can be applied to the Springfield Police Department (SPD). He expressed his opinion City Council needs to use policies and ordinances to protect the weaker from the police and keep the police in line as subordinates.

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

The following bill appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda First Reading Bills.

Cost Share Agreement with Springfield Public Schools

Sponsor: Ferguson. City Council Bill 2020-170.

A Special Ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Cost Share Agreement with Springfield Public Schools to share the costs associated with sidewalk construction along Smith Street, near Hillcrest High School, with the City's expected contribution to be \$21,335; and amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$21,335 to appropriate Springfield Public Schools' contribution to the costs.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda One Reading Bills.

Matt Pearce to the Tax Increment Finance Advisory Commission

Sponsor: Fisk. City Council Bill 2020-172.

A Resolution acknowledging the appointment of Matt Pearce by the Republic School District to the Tax Increment Finance Advisory Commission.

Reappointments to the Kansas and Kearney Community Improvement District

Sponsor: Ferguson. City Council Bill 2020-173 (Ferguson)

A Resolution approving the reappointment of John L. Hulston and John P. Hulston to the Kansas and Kearney Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff recommends approval.)

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda Second Reading Bills.

Encroachment License with Three-D Development at 401 South Avenue

Sponsor: Schilling. City Council Bill 2020-151.

A Special Ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Agreement for Encroachment License with Three-D Development, LLC, for the purpose of allowing an encroachment onto City rights-of-way for the placement of a ramp and landing that meets Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines on property

located at 401 South Avenue, under the same terms and conditions as encroachments are permitted on City rights-of-way under Chapter 98, Article VII of the Springfield City Code.

**Grant from the
Lennie Cloud
Fund**

Sponsor: Simpson. City Council Bill 2020-152.

A Special Ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a grant for \$500.00 from the Lennie Cloud Fund for the Hearing Impaired, administered through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, to provide free smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing.

**Preliminary Plat of
Kirkland
Commons at 3502
East Chestnut
Expressway**

Sponsor: McGull. City Council Bill 2020-154.

A Special Ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, Missouri, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Kirkland Commons, generally located at 3502 East Chestnut Expressway, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (Staff recommends that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

**Preliminary Plat of
IDEA Commons
at 405 North
Jefferson Avenue
and 410 North
Boonville Avenue**

Sponsor: Ferguson. City Council Bill 2020-155.

A Special Ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, Missouri, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of IDEA Commons, generally located at 405 North Jefferson Avenue and 410 North Boonville Avenue, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (Staff recommends that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

**Preliminary Plat
Renewal of
Catalpa Cottages
at the 2300 block
of East Catalpa
Street**

Sponsor: McGull. City Council Bill 2020-156.

A Special Ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, Missouri, as shown on the Preliminary Plat Renewal of Catalpa Cottages, generally located at the 2300 block of East Catalpa Street, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (Staff recommends that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn Councilman McGull moved to Adjourn. Councilman Hosmer seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes: Ollis, Lear, McGull, Simpson, Schilling, Ferguson, Fisk and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 a.m.

**Prepared by
Monica Paxton**

Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

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